What Is Claimed Is:

1.   A nursing work support system comprising:

an information obtaining section for obtaining area information relating to a plurality of medical work areas; and

a portable terminal section carried by a nurse for communicating with the information obtaining section and acquiring area information relating to the plurality of medical work areas obtained by the information obtaining section.

2.   The nursing work support system according to claim 1, wherein the information obtaining section comprises:

an area image-pickup section for capturing images of the medical work areas; and

an information transmission section for transmitting image information captured by the area image-pickup section, to the portable terminal section.

3.   The nursing work support system according to claim 1, wherein the information obtaining section comprises:

a plurality of information input terminals disposed in the plurality of medical work areas; and

an information managing section for managing information input by the plurality of information input terminals and transmitting same to the portable terminal section.

4.   The nursing work support system according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of medical work areas comprise at

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least an endoscopic examination room and an endoscope preparation room.

5. The nursing work support system according to claim 2, wherein the plurality of medical work areas comprise at least an endoscopic examination room and an endoscope preparation room.

6. The nursing work support system according to claim 3, wherein the plurality of medical work areas comprise at least an endoscopic examination room and an endoscope preparation room.

7. The nursing work support system according to claim 4, wherein the plurality of medical work areas comprise at least a patient pre-examination waiting room and a patient post-examination recovery room.

8. The nursing work support system according to claim 5, wherein the plurality of medical work areas comprise at least a patient pre-examination waiting room and a patient post-examination recovery room.

9. The nursing work support system according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of medical work areas comprise at least a patient pre-examination waiting room and a patient post-examination recovery room.

10. The nursing work support system according to claim 4, wherein a reprocessing device for cleaning and sterilising endoscopes is provided in the endoscope preparation room, and

the information obtaining section obtains at least information about the operation of the reprocessing device.

11. The nursing work support system according to claim 5, wherein a reprocessing device for cleaning and sterilising endoscopes is provided in the endoscope preparation room, and the information obtaining section obtains at least information about the operation of the reprocessing device.

12. The nursing work support system according to claim 6, wherein a reprocessing device for cleaning and sterilising endoscopes is provided in the endoscope preparation room, and the information obtaining section obtains at least information about the operation of the reprocessing device.

13. The nursing work support system according to claim 3, comprising an area use status display section for displaying information about the use status of each of the plurality of medical work areas.

14. A nursing work support method comprising:

an information obtaining step of obtaining area information relating to a plurality of medical work areas by means of an information obtaining section; and

an area information display step of communicating with the information obtaining section and displaying the area information relating to the plurality of medical work areas obtained in the information obtaining step, on a portable terminal section which can be carried by a nurse.

15. The nursing work support method according to claim 14, wherein the information obtaining step comprises:

an area image-pickup step of capturing images of the medical work areas; and

an information transmitting step of transmitting image information captured in the area image-pickup step, to the portable terminal section.

16. The nursing work support method according to claim 14, wherein the information obtaining step comprises:

an information managing step of managing information input by a plurality of information input terminals disposed in the plurality of medical work areas, and transmitting same to the portable terminal section.

17. The nursing work support method according to claim 14, wherein the plurality of medical work areas comprise at least an endoscopic examination room and an endoscope preparation room.

18. The nursing work support method according to claim 17, wherein the plurality of medical work areas comprise at least a patient pre-examination waiting room and a patient post-examination recovery room.

19. The nursing work support method according to claim 17, wherein a reprocessing device for cleaning and sterilising endoscopes is provided in the endoscope preparation room, and the information obtaining section obtains at least information about the operation of the reprocessing device.

20. The nursing work support method according to claim 16, comprising an area use status display step of displaying information about the use status of each of the plurality of medical work areas.

21. A nursing work support system comprising:

information obtaining means for obtaining area information relating to a plurality of medical work areas; and

portable terminal means carried by a nurse for communicating with the information obtaining means and acquiring area information relating to the plurality of medical work areas obtained by the information obtaining means.